

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Appeal for denial of 2007 funding by USAC)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Schools and Libraries Division to Central)	
High School)	

—APPEAL—
REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND WAIVER OF DECISION
OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR

Appellant:

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RE: Appeal for denial of 2007 funding for the following funding request:

FRN: Not available from SLD
Form 471 Applicant Identifier: 582123
Form 470: 199310000622223
Form 471: 587291
Category of service: Priority 1
Service provider: Verizon North, Inc Spin# 143004791

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Category of service: Priority 1

Service provider: WiscNet Spin# 143004351

To Whom It May Concern:

The Central High School District is appealing the denial of 2007 funding for the above referenced funding request. The denial was in a funding commitment letter we received dated June 29, 2007.

Reason for Denial: Form 471 Filed Outside of Filing Window

Central High Schools Form 470 was filed on January 15, 2007 because the only person who understands the E-rate filing process was unavailable the week before. Because regulations require a 28 day waiting period between filing the Form 470 and the Form 471 the Form 471 application was not eligible for filing until the week of February 12, 2007.

We believe our appeal request to waive 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(c) related to the Form 471 deadline set by the Administrator has merit based on the facts as described above and the FCC's decisions reached in the Bishop Perry appeal, released May 19, 2006. In the Bishop-Perry appeals the Commission specifically cited several reasons for why it granted numerous appeals for the same reasons that justify our appeal. For example, paragraph 7 refers to various schools that successfully appealed their late filing of Form 471. And paragraph 13 refers to applicant delays in the filing Form 471 because of staff that had made a mistake. Also, paragraph 14 in the Bishop-Perry decision refers to late filings because the "only official who knows the process being unavailable to complete the

application on time." We are a small school district with very limited staff. In our situation the only person who understands the whole E-rate application process was, and still is, Deanna Patzer. We hope you will see grant our request to waive the Commission's rules in this area and direct USAC to proceed with review of our funding request.

One final note: All Wisconsin school districts have been under state imposed budget restrictions for the past ten years. Denial of our appeal will further exacerbate our already difficult fiscal environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deanna Patzer